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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

In response to the Advisory Action mailed April 24, 2002 (Paper No. 15) (herein "Advisory Office Action"), the Applicants respectfully request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This request is made in conjunction with the attached declaration by one of the inventors, Dr. Catherine Gérard, previously submitted but not entered, and a new amendment and response. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution of the instant application. Submitted herewith is a petition authorizing the charge of fees for a five-month extension of time from the date the appeal brief was due to Deposit Account No. 19-2570. Should the Request for Continued Examination, petition for five-month extension, or any requisite fees relating to this amendment and response become detached from this amendment and response, authorization is granted to charge the above mention fees plus any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

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